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Kumer Pial Das^{*}, Lamar University, Beaumont, TX, Jasdeep Pannu, Lamar University, Beaumont, TX, and PJ Couch, Lamar University, Beaumont, TX. Investigating Students' misconceptions about confidence intervals.

A solid understanding of confidence intervals (Cis) is of major i= mportance in designing and interpreting empirical results in any scientific= discipline. In practice, there are many misconceptions regarding this topi= c. Identifying CI misconceptions is a first step in designing teaching tool= s that can be used to prevent or reduce them. This study has been designed = to identify and reduce those misconceptions. Three sections of the Calculus= based Introductory Statistics course taught by the authors at a regional c= omprehensive university in the Southeastern United States have been chosen = to conduct the study. A pre-test and post-test have been conducted where a = list of possible misconceptions have been provided to all students in those= sections before and after the lesson of CIs delivered. Common lecture mate= rials have been prepared for this study. The results obtained from this stu= dy will not only identify common misconceptions, they will also propose an = educational tool that could be used to confront CI misconceptions. (Received November 11, 2015)